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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to a Non-Final Office action dated January 9, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 9, 2003. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is being submitted herewith to extend the period for response to May 9, 2003.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims:

36. The method of claim 1,

wherein the set of outcomes corresponds to deck order.

37. The method of claim 11,

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